

Part 5

Social Capital Formation Act

35A-3-501 Title.

This part is known as the "Social Capital Formation Act."

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 174, 1997 General Session

35A-3-502 Definitions of social capital.

- (1) As used in this part, "social capital" means the value provided to the state by a civic organization, including values, cooperation, strength to families and neighborhoods, and ensuring livable communities and nurturing environments.
- (2) Social capital links society together by:
 - (a) creating opportunities for service and giving;
 - (b) facilitating trust and cooperation; and
 - (c) enhancing investments in physical and human capital.

Amended by Chapter 221, 2015 General Session

35A-3-503 Purpose -- Limitations.

- (1) Using social capital, an applicant for services under this chapter may receive a wide array of services that cannot be provided by state government alone.
- (2) The Legislature recognizes:
 - (a) the constitutional limits of state government to sustain civic institutions that provide social capital;
 - (b) that the state does not create nor can it replace civic institutions; and
 - (c) that state government should respect, recognize, and, wherever possible, constitutionally encourage strong civic institutions that sustain a sense of community.

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35A-3-504 Relationship of civic and state services.

- (1)
 - (a) Services and supports provided by a civic organization under this part are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any service provided by the department to a recipient.
 - (b) Receipt of services from a civic organization may not diminish a recipient's eligibility for services from the department.
- (2) An applicant or recipient is under no obligation to receive services from a civic organization.
- (3) A civic organization is under no obligation to provide services to a person, except as provided in a contract between the organization and the department under Section 35A-3-507.

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35A-3-505 Application -- Referral to civic organizations.

- (1) The department:
 - (a) shall assess whether an applicant is receptive to and would benefit from a service provided by a civic organization; and

- (b) may inform the applicant of the availability of services provided by civic organizations.
- (2)
 - (a) If an applicant chooses to receive services from a civic organization, the department shall facilitate the applicant's referral to one or more appropriate civic organizations.
 - (b) If an applicant chooses not to receive the services of a civic organization or requests services available under this chapter in addition to the services of a civic organization, the department shall process the application as provided under this chapter.

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35A-3-506 Diversion payment -- Referral to civic organizations.

If a recipient receives a diversion payment under Section 35A-3-303, the department:

- (1) shall assess whether the recipient is receptive to and would benefit from services from a civic organization; and
- (2) may inform the recipient of the services that civic organizations provide.

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35A-3-507 Request for proposals from civic organizations -- Contract requirements.

- (1)
 - (a) The director or the director's designee may issue a request for proposals to civic organizations for the purpose of contracting with the department for the provision of social capital.
 - (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall establish by rule:
 - (i) specifications for proposals;
 - (ii) deadlines for submissions;
 - (iii) contents of proposals;
 - (iv) the criteria upon which proposals will be accepted; and
 - (v) the amount of available funding.
- (2) Within appropriations from the Legislature, the director may enter into a contract with a civic organization, which shall include:
 - (a) the funding, if any, to be provided to the civic organization by the department;
 - (b) the geographical boundary within which the civic organization is to provide services to individuals referred by the department;
 - (c) a description of the services to be provided by the civic organization to an applicant or recipient;
 - (d) the performance monitoring system to be used by the civic organization to evaluate the effectiveness of the services that it provides; and
 - (e) other provisions that the department and civic organization consider appropriate.
- (3)
 - (a) A contract between the department and a civic organization under this section is for a defined period of time and a fixed funding amount.
 - (b) If a contract provides public funds, the civic organization is required to comply with all applicable state and federal law with respect to those funds, including any audit, recordkeeping, and financial accounting requirements.

- (4) The services provided by civic organizations under this section do not include eligibility determinations, cash assistance, SNAP benefits, or quality assurance related to these functions.

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35A-3-508 Inventory of civic organizations.

- (1) The department, in cooperation with the coalition described in Section 35A-3-510, shall complete a statewide inventory of interested civic organizations, which inventory shall include for each participating civic organization:
 - (a) a description of the services provided;
 - (b) the geographical locations served;
 - (c) methods of accessing services; and
 - (d) eligibility requirements for services.
- (2) The inventory shall be maintained, updated annually, and made available in a usable form as a resource directory for employment counselors in the department.

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35A-3-510 Coalition of civic and other organizations.

- (1) The director shall convene a coalition of civic organizations, representatives of the department, representatives of state and local agencies, advocacy organizations, public officials, community leaders, members of the Legislature, and other persons and organizations as determined by the executive director.
- (2) The coalition shall offer advice to the director on issues relevant to this part.

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